

Agenda

Item #12

From: DeAnne Rogan [mailto:deannerogan910@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2008 3:43 PM
To: Wayne, Jonathan
Subject: Re: Complaint from Stan Ginish

Mr. Wayne,

Thank you for your inquiry. I am pleased to respond to your questions:

- is Mr. Ginish correct that a trailer or motor home is being used to promote your campaign?

RESPONSE: Yes, in the same sense that my campaign literature may be seen on homes, garages, storefronts, lawns, cars, ATV's, motorcycles, bikes as well as other places I may have not yet noticed. No, in the sense that I am not paying anyone to display my literature or in any other way to use a trailer or motor home to promote my campaign.

- who owns the trailer or motor home?

RESPONSE: My mother owns the trailer or motor home in question. She purchased a 1984 RV in CANADA four years ago. She uses it when travelling in many states and often parks in Wal-Mart parking lots, where it is allowed, including many cities and towns in Maine . She comes from Maryland, and also uses it for local transportation up here when she visits. In Maryland they plaster their vehicles with all kinds of bumper stickers, both political and religious. When she arrived for this visit, she inquired as to whether or not I had any signs or bumper stickers to put on her vehicle. I had 2 that we used on a truck in the 4th of July Parade, purchased with my campaign money, as were bumper stickers I had. They were just sitting here in a box, and when my Mom saw them, she said, "they are just the right size for my RV" , and at age 75 , she looked so cute tying them on the side of her RV. She even added a few balloons !!! She also put one of my lawn signs on the back. My Mom is something else and like any moms she is sure proud of her daughter and not afraid to show it!!! She even stood on the corner for 2 hours last Saturday, with my other sign wavers, with one that said "Honk 4 Rogan" (and she got a lot of honks!!!!)

- has the use of the trailer or motor home to promote your campaign cost you or anyone else any money?

RESPONSE: Absolutely not! I don't pay anyone to display my campaign literature; anyone, including my mom, is free to display my campaign literature.

- did you purchase or lease it for the purpose of advertising for your campaign?

RESPONSE: Absolutely Not!

In addition, there is no truth to the allegation that this vehicle was for sale here in Houlton; my

mom does not have it up for sale! Even if she did have it up for sale, that would have nothing to do with me or my campaign.

I am sorry this is wasting your valuable time but look forward to discussing this with you on Sunday by phone and answering any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mary DeAnne Rogan

Candidate

Maine House of Representatives

--- On Sat, 10/25/08, Wayne, Jonathan <Jonathan.Wayne@maine.gov> wrote:

From: Wayne, Jonathan <Jonathan.Wayne@maine.gov>

Subject: Complaint from Stan Ginish

To: deannerogan910@yahoo.com

Cc: "Christie-Lee McNally" <christie@mainehouserepublicans.com>, tardylaw@roadrunner.com, "Lavin, Paul" <Paul.Lavin@maine.gov>

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2008, 12:17 AM

Ms. Rogan:

As I mentioned in my voicemail, the Ethics Commission received the e-mail inquiry below from Stan Ginish, stating that someone is using a motor home or trailer to promote your campaign and that this amounts to a contribution to your campaign that would entitle him to matching funds under the Maine Clean Election Act. Since Mr. Ginish has called his e-mail a complaint and is asking the members of the Ethics Commission to consider it, I will discuss it with the members of the Commission at their meeting on Monday, October 27 in the late morning.

Could you please assist the Commission by letting me know a little bit about the situation, such as:

- is Mr. Ginish correct that a trailer or motor home is being used to promote your campaign?
- who owns the trailer or motor home?
- has the use of the trailer or motor home to promote your campaign cost you or anyone else any money?
- did you purchase or lease it for the purpose of advertising for your campaign?

I will be in the office on Sunday, October 26 during business hours if you would like to discuss it. My telephone number is 287-6219.

I have copied Rep. Joshua Tardy and Christie Lee McNally of the House

Republican Caucus, so that they are aware of Mr. Ginish's complaint.

Thank you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joe joe [mailto:dropdown@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 5:19 PM
To: O'Brien, Gavin
Cc: dropdown@gmail.com
Subject: complaint on Rogan dist 8

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Dear Gavin

This letter is to confirm my request for your board to review my concern and possible complaint regarding Mrs. Rogan 8th District.

As you are aware I called your office to query about the motor home purchase/lease that Mrs. Rogan has or may have entered into or was it purchased by another and loaned to Mrs. Rogan (which still gives it a value) and the same motor home has been seen by my self and others being used solely as a mobile and/or parked campaign display. Mrs. Rogan would drive the mobile home to Wal-Mart and get out and get into an SUV and drive off.

A seller on Court Street in Houlton, Maine advertised this motor home for \$3,500.00. Because it has as I and others have seen it used as a display transported to Wal-Mart and the United States Post office in Houlton, parked with campaign signs on all sides it raises the question, is this a purchase/expenditure either of funds or sole use at this time for campaigning?

My opinion is of course, is it being used solely for this purpose at this time and is it, an expenditure, in support of this campaign and may well cause for the increase of funds to the candidate myself being one of them. Please let me know as soon as possible after a board determination is made

Thanks

Stan Ginish
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